

Serial No.: 09/852,267

--8--

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-10 and 20-32 are pending. Claim 2 is cancelled and new claim 32 is added. Claims 1, 3, 20 and 29-31 are amended. No new matter is added.

***Examiner Interview***

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner to Applicants' representative during a personal interview conducted on December 12, 2003. During this interview, the claims and prior art were discussed. In accordance with the discussion, claims 1, 3, 20 and 29-31 are amended and claim 32 is added to gain allowance of the claims. Claims 3, 20 and 29-31 are amended for clarity purposes only and not to distinguish over any prior art references, e.g., to revise the preamble only. Claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claim 32 is added per the interview and should also be allowable.

Claim 1 may be directed, for example, to low pressure assist. The low pressure assist may further help in the solidification direction.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections are overcome and should be withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew M. Calderon  
Registration No. 38,093

McGuireWoods, LLP  
Suite 1800  
1750 Tysons Blvd.  
McLean, VA 22102  
(703) 712-5426

Serial No.: 09/852,267

--9--

I hereby certify that I am transmitting the Supplemental Amendment for Application  
Serial No.: 09/852,267 containing nine (9) pages to the U.S. Patent Office at 703-872-  
9603 on December 30, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew M. Calderon  
Reg. No. 38,093

\\COM\369361.2